

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner allowed claims 1-15, 36, and 37 and rejected claims 26-35 and 38-41. Although the Applicant believes that the Examiner's rejection based on Krishnan is *improper*, the Applicant hereby cancels claims 26-35 and 38-41 to *expedite* allowance of the present application. See Krishnan, U.S. Patent No. 6,377,685, Col. 19, line 63-Col. 20, line 15 (explaining that the primary and secondary keys 112 and 116 cannot be simultaneously engaged or actuated). As a result, only allowable claims remain in the present application. For these reasons, the Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the present application.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

The Examiner rejected claims 26-35 and 38-41 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Otsuka (U.S. Patent No. 6,563,923, hereafter referred to as "the Otsuka reference") in view of Krishnan (U.S. Patent No. 6,377,685, hereafter referred to as "the Krishnan reference"). As set forth above, the Applicant cancelled claims 26-35 and 38-41, thereby making this rejection moot. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of this rejection.

Allowable Subject Matter

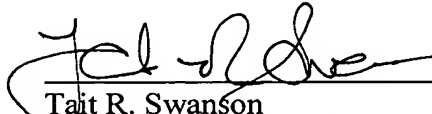
As noted above, the Examiner allowed claims 1-15 and 36-37. Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's allowance of the present claims. In addition, the Examiner provided a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter. After careful review of the Examiner's statement, the Applicant notes that the Examiner refers only to the language of allowed claim 1. Although the Applicant agrees that each of the claims 1-15 and 36-37 recites allowable subject matter, the Applicant respectfully stresses that each of the independent claims is patentable based on certain features explicitly recited in each respective claim.

Conclusion

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth above, the Applicant respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a telephonic interview will help speed this application toward issuance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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